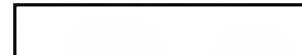


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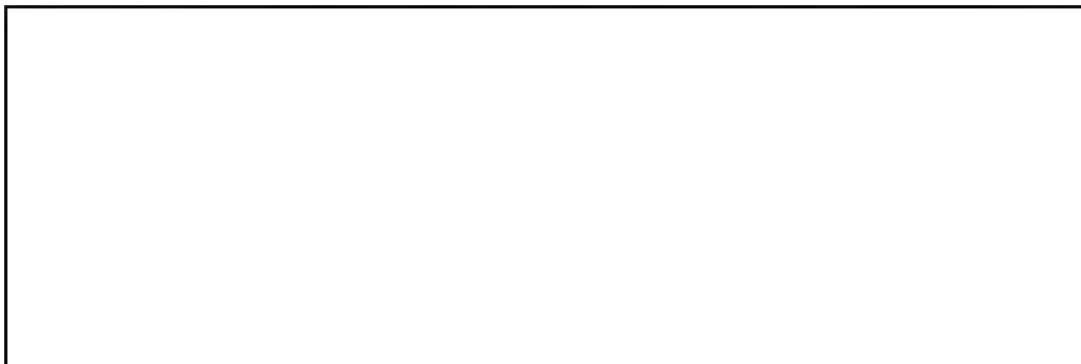


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Communist China has offered Burma
a loan and the Burmese cabinet has
discussed the matter

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When questioned by the American am-
bassador, the Burmese foreign minister and an official
of the Finance Ministry stated that an offer of assistance
had been made by the Chinese ambassador, but that it had
not been specifically for a loan.

Comment

Peiping is apparently trying to prevent
the satisfactory conclusion of Burma's
negotiations with the United States for financial assistance.
An offer by Peiping to buy 3,000 tons of Burmese rubber in
August at an above-market price appeared to be designed
to bring into question Burma's eligibility under the Battle
Act for an American loan.

The present Chinese offer is probably
for a more satisfactory payment schedule for Burmese
rice moving to China.

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